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REMARKS

By this submission previously pending claims 21 through 37 are "withdrawn", and claims 18 through 20 are elected. Further, the reported restrictions are not traversed.

Election/Restrictions Under 35 USC §121

It is reported in the Office communication that this application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species in Group I claims 18-20, Figures 13-15 and Group II claims 21-37, Figures 10-12.

Referencing 37 USC121, it is directed that "Applicant is required... to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution...."

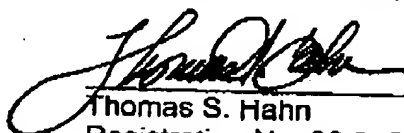
As specified on pages 2 through 4 above, Group I claims 18-20 are elected, and Group II claims 21-37 are withdrawn. This submitted election is made with the express reservation of all rights to pursue subject matter in non-elected claims in one or more subsequent patent applications.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above submitted election and discussions, it is requested that the elected claims now be examined. Should the Examiner have any question, request or suggestion, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set out below and all efforts will be made to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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